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SUBJECT: GOE CONCERN OVER NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN CAIRO

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1. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOE DISTRES-

SED BY VIRULENCE OF DPRK PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY UNDER WAY IN CAIRO. APPARENTLY DPRK HAS HAD BOOKS FOR ITS CAIRO CULTURAL CENTER PUBLISHED IN ARABIC IN BAGHDAD (UNDER TRANSPARENTLY FALSE AUTHORSHIP OF AN IRAQI JOURNALIST) WHICH RAIL AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND CALL FOR REVOLUTIONS IN ALL PARTS OF WORLD. NORTH KOREANS WERE ACTIVELY DISTRIBUTING THESE BOOKS AT CULTURAL CENTER DURING JUNE TO PRACTICALLY EVERY VISITOR. ON JUNE 26, NORTH KOREANS INAUGURATED PHOTO EXHIBIT AT CULTURAL CENTER CONTAINING LITTLE OTHER THAN PICTURES OF DPRK FORCES BATTLING US TROOPS DURING KOREAN CONFLICT.

2. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENCY OFFICIALS, CONCERNED THAT DPRK WAS IMPINGING
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UPON EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY BY ATTACKING ANOTHER COUNTRY

REPRESENTED IN CAIRO, USED BOOKS AND PHOTO EXHIBIT AS PRETEXT FOR REQUEST TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CALL IN DPRK AMBASSADOR AND TO INFORM HIM THAT GOE WOULD NOT TOLERATE THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY AT CULTURAL CENTER. FONMIN OFFICIALS DULY CALLED IN DPRK AMBASSADOR IN EARLY JULY AND DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AT DPRK CULTURAL CENTER CEASED.

3. IN MID-JULY, PRESIDENCY OFFICIALS BECAME AWARE THAT NORTH KOREANS WERE MAILING ANTI-AMERICAN BOOKS TO VARIOUS ADDRESSEES IN EGYPT. PRESIDENCY AGAIN CONTACTED FONMIN OFFICIALS AND REQUESTED TO NORTH KOREANS TO CEASE MAILING PROPAGANDA BOOKS WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN LATE JULY.
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